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CAMP ARCADY TAX LITIGATION

The members of the town board were called into special session on June 20 for a briefing on the long pending tax litigation instituted by Camp Arcady. Members of the school board, present and former assessors, and others were also present.

Arcady has brought proceedings against the board of assessors claiming that two of the three parcels of real estate which it owns in the Town of Hague have been over-assessed. The first action was taken with respect to the 1967 assessment and similar action has been taken in each succeeding year including 1972.

The town is represented by Tom Lawson, Warren County Attorney. Mr. Al Friedman, a professional real estate appraiser, has been employed for some time in undertaking to determine the true market value of the Arcady properties. If the case is tried, he will be the town's principal witness.

The controversy hinges around the true market value of the Arcady properties. In 1967 the assessor determined that they were worth \$750,000. This led to an assessed valuation of \$346,350. on the two parcels in question. Arcady, on the otherhand, claims that the market value of the two properties is \$277,000 and that a proper assessed valuation would have been \$138,500. Town taxes for the years 1968 through 1972 and school taxes for the years 1967-68 through 1972-73 were paid by Arcady on the basis of the assessed valuation as determined by the assessors and Arcady is asking to be reimbursed for taxes paid on the assessed valuation in excess of \$138,500 plus interest of 6% from the time the taxes were paid.

If Arcady could maintain its position, it would be entitled to reimbursement of approximately \$50,000. in taxes plus interest of about \$10,000. One-third of this would be the obligation of the town and the re-

maining two-thirds, the obligation of the school district.

Mr. Friedman, however, is of the opinion that the assessed valuations as determined by the assessors will be found to be entirely proper and that under those circumstances, Arcady should not win the lawsuit. Mr. Lawson concurs and does not feel that negotiations for a settlement should be entered into at this time. The court is insisting that the parties get on with the trial of the case and this may come about at any time within the next few months. Here the matter rests for the present.

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SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Robert Denno has tendered his resignation as President of the Hague School Board to become effective on July 1. He has been a member of the Board for the past four years and has served as president for the past year.

Mr. Denno is also a Town Justice. He will stand for re-election in November when he will be opposed by Harvey Yaw.

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PROPERTY OWNERS TO MEET

The Property Owners of Silver Bay will hold a meeting on Saturday, July 7th (incorrectly shown as July 8th in letters to members) at 10 A.M. at the meeting room of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Coffee and cake will be served starting at 9:45 A.M.

Supervisor Tom Smith has accepted an invitation to be present. He will speak briefly and will answer questions pertinent to his office as supervisor.

All property owners in the Silver Bay area are invited to attend.

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TOWN ROADS TO BE RE-SURFACED

Beginning on about July 15, the town will re-surface parts of Overbrook Drive, and Split Rock, Dodd Hill and Forest Bay Roads. Equipment furnished by Warren County will be used.

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LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFT

The late Mrs. Ethel M. Hendriksen, a long time Hague resident, presented a substantial gift to the library shortly before she died on May 19. It was the largest gift ever made to the library. Mrs. Hendriksen stipulated that the money should be used to purchase children's books. About half the money has already been spent.

Incidentally, the Town Board has voted to allot \$100. of Federal revenue sharing funds to the library for the period January 1 to June 30, 1973. A similar allotment will be made in each six-month period through 1976.

As is customary, a year-end notice was sent to each classroom in the school listing library books which were overdue. Of the 57 books on the list, only 16 had been returned at the time of school closing. These books are in demand and perhaps the parents of the offending students should take a hand in seeing that the books are returned to the library pronto.

The library will be open on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00, July 3 to August 28. It is located in the school annex.

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PLANNING BOARD MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Planning Board was held on June 14th with all members present. Mssrs. Smith and Denno represented the Town Board.

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. William Davidson

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who is the Director of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board. The Lake Champlain-Lake George Region includes the five counties of Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren and Washington and 94 municipalities having a total population of 214,406. The Regional Planning Board is presently available to provide direct technical services to local municipalities on such items as land use, environment protection, water resources, etc.

Mr. Davidson advised that at the request of Warren County officials, his Board has been requested to provide assistance to local planning boards in a number of towns, including Hague, and that he and his people have already begun to gather data which will lay the groundwork for Hague's master land use program. Maps of the town have been arranged for and the next step will be the actual identification on the maps of each plot with reference to type of building, land use, etc. A study will be made of soil suitability, provision for water, and the need for sewage treatment and disposal. After this and other data has been gathered, Mr. Davidson's people will draft a master plan for the Town of Hague which will then be taken under consideration by the Hague Planning Board and finally submitted to the Hague Town Board for necessary action. Members of the local board will work closely with Mr. Davidson in order that the plan will fully reflect the thinking of local residents when finally put together.

The costs of the Regional Planning Board are underwritten by the five counties and come largely from Federal funds. At present no part of the cost will be paid by the Town of Hague. However, should costs exceed the amount appropriated by the regional planning Board, no more than one-eighth of the additional costs would be borne by the Town.

The Planning Board will meet again on July 19.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS

The annual meeting of the Hague Historical Society was held on June 20 with a record attendance of 38 members and guests.

Officers for the forthcoming year were elected, as follows: President - Emil Seerup; Vice President - Harry White; Secretary

and Treasurer - Betty Decker.

The program for the evening was the showing of "Hammerman in Williamsburg" a film, in color and with sound, depicting the work of the blacksmith in a colonial community. Delicious refreshments were provided and served by the Mrs. Ethel Andrus and Vila Fitzgerald.

The next meeting will be a trip to the Shelburne Museum in Vermont. One of the Saturdays in September will be selected for the trip later in the summer.

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BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

The Lake George Park Commission has announced that its regular contests for area beautification will be held the third week in July and for marinas and service stations the latter part of August. Marion Johnson has been named chairman for the commission.

Contestants will be selected by area residents (Mrs. Joseph Streeter, Hague and Mrs. Agnes Conron, Forest Bay) and at random by the judges. Individuals noting exceptional floral arrangements or landscaping at residences or business properties are asked to notify Commission officials or the appropriate area representative. All contestants will be selected and notified prior to final judging. As in other years, winners will receive handsomely framed awards.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Hague Central School Board held its regular meeting on June 11 with all members present except Martin Fitzgerald.

The bid of the Frischoffer Company to supply bread to the school during the next school year was accepted.

Announcement was made that Mrs. Beatrice McCoy, cook at the school for the past 12 years, is retiring. Member Edna Frasier was delegated to obtain a suitable gift to present to Mrs. McCoy. Mrs. Jane Fitzgerald was appointed to succeed Mrs. McCoy.

The boys' locker room and toilets are in need of repairs and this work will get under way shortly. Mr. Michael Fitzgerald of-

ferred to inspect the school building to see what masonry and brickwork repairs would be needed. The Board suggested that he proceed and submit a proposal by June 28 at which time a decision would be made as to what portion of the work could be undertaken this year.

The president announced that negotiations with the teachers was continuing. No agreement has yet been reached.

Specifications for the new heating plant are being prepared by Barker and Henry and would probably be available and out for bid early enough so that the work can be undertaken during the summer recess.

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PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

There were two contests for local office in the primary election of the Republican Party on June 4. Mary Alice Scripture was the winning candidate for Town Clerk. She received 99 votes with Cheri L. Denno receiving 38 and Florence Lambert, 18. In the race for Superintendent of Highways, Daniel D. Belden polled 118 votes with Raymond H. Monroe receiving 40. There were no contests in the Democratic Party.

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TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board held its regular meeting on June 12 with all members present.

The Board approved a motion that Supt. of Highways, Dan Belden, be permitted to attend the New York State Superintendents of Highways convention at Lake Placid on September 16 to 19 at Town expense.

The supervisor announced that the new signs for the park were being prepared and would be in place by the end of June. He also called attention to the new sign at the entrance to the Town Hall.

Mr. Belden advised that the new truck was scheduled for delivery in mid-July.

A representative of the car crusher company had visited the town and indicated that either the old or the new sanitary land fill would provide a satisfactory site for its operations. Persons having cars which they

which to have accomplished should get in touch with Dave Haffay. It is hoped that there will be at least a hundred cars available for crushing.

The supervisor advised that inspectors from the State had called at the sanitary land fill and found it to be in a generally satisfactory condition. Items needing attention were noted and have or will be remedied.

Mr. Belden was authorized to negotiate the best possible arrangement with the County for the rental of all or part of the old town shed.

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SPELMAN HONORED BY CUB SCOUTS

Cub scouts from the entire Adirondack District, Lake George Village to Elizabethtown, participated in "Lou Spelman Field Day" at the Silver Bay Association on June 9. Louis Spelman, the man being honored was celebrating his 30th anniversary in scouting.

About 200 cub scouts participated in the track and field events which got underway at noon and ended in the early evening with hot dogs and cold drinks for everyone. Hague was well represented with two den mothers and the entire cub scout pack.

Mr. Spelman will be celebrating his 87th birthday this month.

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SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

A long-time summertime resident of Hague has asked that the following announcement be published "exactly as it appears" and that "you make a special effort to avoid linking my name with this article..." Having established its authenticity, here is the announcement:--

"Worship God on a Monday night? To the one-hour-a-week Christian that might sound a little unreasonable. To the born again Christian who delights in serving the Lord it makes a lot of sense. Come to the Tongue Mountain Lookout at 8:00 P.M. on July 15th prepared to praise God in whatever way He leads. You KNOW He will meet you there. The invitation applies to those who thirst for Him as well as those who have already tasted of His Love and power. Physically, all you need to bring is yourself, a folding chair and a Bible. You might want to drag along a flashlight and warmish clothes, too, if it's chilly. Spiritually, either a worshipful or empty heart will do, as He loves the sinner and the saved equally, which is sometimes hard to understand. The ONLY way to understand this kind of LOVE is to EXPERIENCE it. See you at the lookout! Bring a friend.

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The Hague Home Bureau cookbooks are here. To get your copy - Call Mrs. Adra Seerup at 543-9302 or Mrs. Martha White at 543-6457. The price is \$1.75 per copy.



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